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D.C. trip leaves April 6

by Rachel Bell

Some people go home to visit family during Easter Break, others take mini vacations. However, nine people from Clarke College plan to make a difference—along with 37 others—on a Washington, D.C. trip, sponsored by Loras College from April 6 to April 13.

The students and faculty members attending from Clarke are Vanessa Van Fleet, Joan Soppe, Tina Pape, Christine Noel, Cheryl Marro, Curt Ehlinger, Rachel Bell, Lynette Howe and Marge Clark.

The trip is a growth trip that encompasses many issues surrounding civic service. The group goes through several stages before it travels to D.C. to work at the Community for Creative Non-Violence, which, operated by homeless activists, feeds and shelters approximately 2,000 people everyday.

CCNV is a few blocks away from the Capitol itself. If it were not for this shelter, there would be many more homeless persons camped out in the park across from the White House.

Unlike many service projects in which a person proposes their duties and sets out to do them, the application and preparations for the D.C. trip are, by themselves, exhausting. This year, 80 students applied to go on a trip that had space for only 40. This placed a lot of pressure on those who interviewed the applicants. Karla Braig, of Loras College, and Howe, from Clarke, were in charge of skimming down the group. "We had to be pretty strict with our

standards," Braig said.

Once the 40 were selected, the students were placed in four "Affinity" groups. These support groups were designed so that everyone could get the chance to know at least a few people well, in such a large group. After the first meeting, participants had to sign-up for pre-trip "duties".

These duties included fundraising (begging), legislative activities, food organizing, prayer, and transportation duties. The prayer group prepared creative and meditative activities for each weekly meeting. The food and fundraising groups generally worked together. They wrote and solicited money and food to be taken on the trip. The legislative group organized participants to write their congressional representatives and senators about an issue or bill (like shelter for the homeless and the working poor). The group, lead by Jim Giesen of Loras College, then arranged visits with some of the representatives while in D.C.

Each week, the D.C. trip-ers meet to discuss issues which educate them for an organized and effective visit. The third meeting, for example, was lead by Francine Banwaerth, coordinator of peace and justice activities at Clarke. Her lecture informed students about the current plight of the homeless, the national nuclear budget and how one can contact their representatives.

At the most recent meeting, Rev. Frank Cordero, an Iowa priest and peace activist, was the guest speaker. He preached on the

need for "direct non-violent action and resistance." Some of the people in CCNV and some of those going on the D.C. trip plan to demonstrate at the Pentagon during the week-long visit in D.C. Therefore, Rev. Cordero's talk was an informative necessity.

Noel, a junior, joined the trip because a lot of people who went on it before had told her that it was really awakening. "This trip challenges those who have not been involved in politics or social issues," Noel said. Although Noel went on the Appalachia service trip twice, she thinks the D.C. service trip stands alone. "I'm glad we're all a little scared and not sure of what is going to happen. And that I'm not the only one afraid of how we are going to be received at the shelter," she said.

One concern often discussed within one's affinity group is whether the inhabitants of the shelter will be receptive to their intrusion. "It's very natural to want to serve," Noel said. The point is, will it be seen as a service trip or as a group of rich college kids pretending to be concerned for their souls' sake.

Pape, a senior social work major, believes we all need to do something. She feels this will be good experience to see first-hand the day-to-day frustrations the homeless have. "I've never been aware or done much socially," Pape said. "I want a greater understanding of our nation's system so I can learn ways to change this system so it works for the people."

Ehlinger, a sophomore, went on the trip (continued on page 3)

Brother and Sister activities start today

by Anne Marie Forlini

Clarke's 1990 Brother and Sister Weekend is March 30-April 1.

The weekend begins today from 6 - 7 p.m. with registration at the Mary Josita front desk.

Activities begin at 8 p.m. with roller skating at Skate Country. Vans will leave Mary Josita at 7:30 p.m. and return on campus at 11 p.m. Cost is \$3.15 per person for skating.

Following roller skating, a midnight movie will be shown in the Student Union. *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* is the feature presentation.

Saturday will begin with "cartoon mania" in the Union. A continental breakfast will be served. Lunch will be in the Clarke Square dining room from noon to 1 p.m.

Afternoon activities in the Physical Activity Center include open pool and open gym from 1 - 3 p.m. A Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser will take place from 3 - 5 p.m. in the PAC.

Dinner will be served 5 - 6 p.m. in the dining room.

Bryan Brueck's senior voice recital will be at 7 p.m. in the Jansen Music Hall.

Following the recital, a brother and sister talent show will be held. Prizes will be awarded to brothers and sisters with the best talent. Following the talent show, the sophomore class is sponsoring a dance in the Student Union from 9:30 p.m. - 1 a.m. It will feature two professional disc jockeys from Chicago. The dance is open to all three colleges and UW-Platteville, the cost is \$1 for students.

Sunday, a liturgy will be held in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 11 a.m. Lon Boike and Catherine Waldbilling will receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

"Cantores" at student singing group from the University of Iowa will perform at 3 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Their focus of music will be on Holy Week.

The weekend will be filled with entertaining activities for all to enjoy even if they don't have a brother or a sister.

Appalachia workers set to leave

by Julie Klein

The facts are staggering: 19 percent of Kentucky's population is living in poverty. Approximately 165,000 households in Kentucky depend on food stamps to extend their food purchasing ability in order to have enough to eat each day.

Clarke Volunteers in Appalachia will leave for this stricken area April 7 to help these people for a week.

This year's volunteers include Lonnie Behnke, Amy Farley, Kathleen King, Mary Jo McLain, Theresa Neuzil, Karen O'Brian, Carr, director of campus ministry. The group plans to depart at 6 a.m. and will arrive in Harlan, Ky., around 9:30 p.m.

Carr said the volunteers will be busy performing many tasks to help the poor. "This is the second year we will be working at the Servite Appalachian Missions in Harlan. We will be working with two religious women, S. Catherine Hurley and S. Regis Egger, who have been working closely with the people there for a long time." The mission operates mainly for the poor, raising money to assist people with rent and utilities and to help provide food and clothes for unemployed families.

The volunteers will be visiting homes, tutoring people who have never received a high school diploma and assisting in a Catholic grade school. "But more importantly, we learn from the people of Appalachia...from the simplicity of their

lifestyle, generosity and deep reverence for the land on which they live," said Carr.

Jodi Abeln, one of last year's volunteers, said she had many recollections that made the experience in Appalachia special. "During Holy Week last year, we delivered food baskets on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. I'll never forget the Mass we attended on Palm Sunday. Instead of carrying palms, we carried flowers that the people shared with us. But, by far the most wonderful experiences were the friendships we formed. They made the biggest impact," said Abeln.

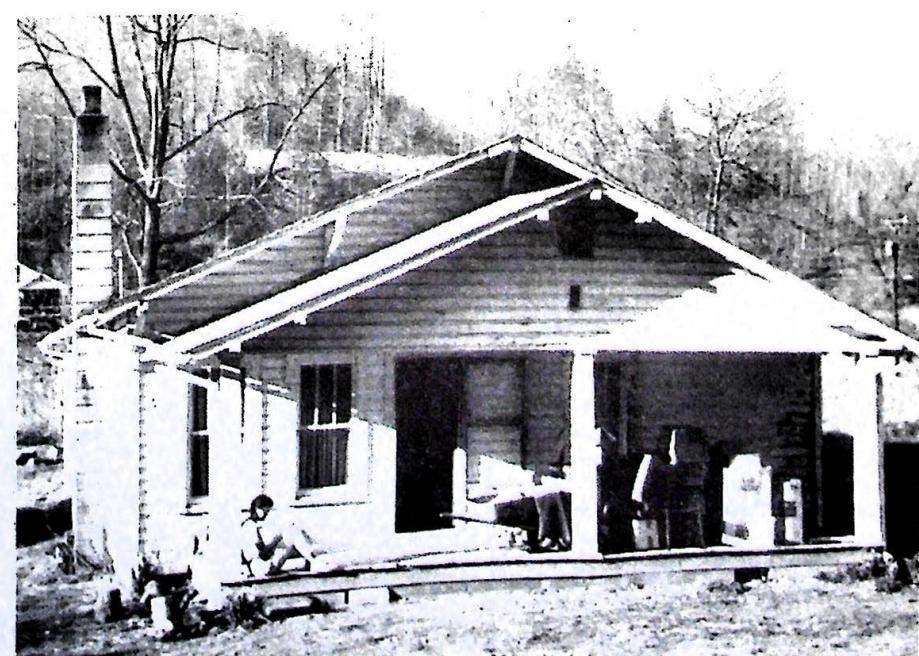
Abeln said she would not hesitate to go back again. "It was the most wonderful experience of my life." "We stayed in a house in the hills. Traveling there was a real experience. I saw everything. There were gorgeous houses next to tiny shacks. It was very hard to cope with the poverty of the people."

Abeln said one incident that touched her most showed her how giving the people were. "I had been working with a family of 12 that lived in one trailer, which was filthy. I helped them with chores and played with the kids. In exchange for my help, two of the kids bought pop and gave it to me. I was so touched and I felt guilty because they should have spent the money for themselves."

Carr agreed that there is great economic diversity. "The gap between the 'haves' and 'have nots' is incredible, yet the people

have a beautiful spirit of hospitality. Most of the people we met in Appalachia were able to see the positive side of life.

No matter what their situation, they didn't give up."



Jodi Abeln takes a break on her trip to Appalachia last spring. CVA will return to Harlan, Ky., again this year. (Photo by Vanessa Van Fleet)

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Geek of the Week

by Andrea Rafoth

On February 11, 1990, after 27 years of imprisonment on charges of sabotage and treason, Nelson Mandela walked out of the Victor Verster Prison Farm in South Africa a free man.

As a pat on the back to State President F.W. de Klerk, who, Mandela himself said "was a man of integrity" and a man with whom he could negotiate, England's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher suggested that other countries should follow England's example and lift the economic sanctions on South Africa.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm sure Mrs. Thatcher's heart is in the right place. I can even imagine what might have been said in a congratulatory phone call to Mr. Mandela.

"Mistah Mandela? This is Margaret Thatcher. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your recent release from prison."

"Thank you, Mrs. Prime Minister."

"Mistah Mandela, my close friends call me 'Maggie' and I'm certain that in time, you will too."

"Yes, Mrs. Prime Minister."

"Mistah Mandela, how wonderful it must feel to breathe the winds of freedom and to see a new South Africa. Even at the age of 71, you must feel quite young again."

"Well..."

"And in your honour of that new freedom, I have taken the necessary steps to lift the sanctions on your country."

"But Mrs. Prime Minister, I'm not sure

the sanctions should be lifted until a settlement has been reached."

"Nonsense, a settlement has been reached. You're a free man again."

"But I am only one man."

"Indeed, but a very important man."

"Thank you, but there are still some very important people still imprisoned for having the same thoughts and ideas that I do. They too, are very important to my country's struggle."

"Yes, well, change takes time. The important thing is that the ruling government see how pleased we all are that you're free."

"Well, I am out of prison."

"Precisely my point."

"But the freedom I am talking about is freedom for the 26 million black people of South Africa. Until my country is non-racial, these people have no freedom."

"Now, Mistah Mandela, we both know that there are not 26 million people imprisoned."

"Are we not? We still cannot vote. We cannot live where we choose. Only five million people in my country are free."

"Yes, well, as I said before, change takes time. It will come."

"I am no prophet. I cannot say."

"Yes, well, congratulations again Mistah Mandela. And if you are ever in the area, do stop in for a spot of tea. Ta."

Poor Maggie got the wrong number. Living in a free democratic society, she misunderstood the illusion of freedom.

And so it is with great disappointment that I begrudgingly give this "Geek of the Week" award to Margaret Thatcher.

"But Mrs. Prime Minister, I'm not sure

Census too personal

by David Zirtzman

Most people received their 1990 census forms this week. The majority of the families received the short form which has only 14 questions taking only about 15 minutes to complete. But one in six families will receive a long form that will take about 45 minutes to complete.

People may find some of the questions on the form quite personal and not relevant to the counting of people in the United States that is done at the start of each decade.

It is alright, in the opinion of most, to count the number of people who inhabit the country and classify them as male or female, white, black, Oriental or Indian.

Most believe it is fair to ask about living conditions such as whether one lives in a Manhattan, N.Y., apartment; in a warehouse along a San Francisco wharf; or whether they have no place at all to live.

That, for the most part, is as far as the government's questions should go, according to some people. But these are not the only questions being asked.

It is not important for the census takers to know how much money a person makes. That is already a part of government record. All the census officials have to do is access the Internal Revenue's computer and call up what a person's income was for 1989.

For that matter why do they have to take a census count at all? It is required that any person who has anything to do with the government receive a Social Security number, not only for themselves, but for every member of their family. Surely the Social Security Administration has a fairly accurate count of how many people live in this country.

Another of the useless questions being asked this year is, "How much heating oil did you use last year?" Why do they want to know? Is it important in learning how many people there are?

Other questions being asked is, "What is your normal payment for fire and flood insurance?"

How many mortgages do you carry on your house or property and please tell Uncle Sam all about them.

How many minutes did it take each member of your family to get home from work last week?

Now this is real important stuff and if we don't answer the question, there could be a breach in national security!

Another question is, "Do you have indoor plumbing? If not what isn't indoors?"

Hey, Uncle Sam, do you want to know how often we used it last week?

Tell us Uncle Sam, are these questions really important in taking the census? What breach of National Security have we committed if we don't have flood insurance?

But remember, participation in the census is required by law. If you don't answer the questions, you could be assessed a \$100 fine. If you lie or try to pad your answers, you could be socked \$500.

The census officials say, "It's important to you, your community and the nation." This is also stated on the form itself.

It also says that it is illegal not to fill out the form.

Please don't misunderstand. Some of the questions asked are very important to today's society. Questions used to measure how many disabled and handicapped people there are and what problems they encounter are very important.

So the best policy is to answer the questions on the census forms as truthfully as possible and hope that the 2000 census doesn't ask us to bare our souls even more.

Poet tells of life in the South

by Dorothy Wendel

Bettie Sellers, a poet from Georgia, honored Clarke College with her presence last week. While here, she visited several classes and talked about what she knows best—the South and poetry. Sellers spent some time in the writing lab advising Clarke students who write poetry. She also conducted a poetry reading in Jansen Music Hall on Tuesday evening, March 20.

When talking earlier in the day about her reading, Sellers said, "I don't plan my poetry readings. I do so much of this that if I planned anything I'd get bored with it all. So I don't know what will take place tonight when I do my reading. I'll just get up there and it will 'happen,' that's all. I'll think of all sorts of outrageous things to say, and then I'll just read my poetry and choose the poems as I go along."

Sellers, an English professor in the North Georgia mountains at Young Harris College, Young Harris, Ga., began writing poetry in the summer of 1973. She went to a summer arts' camp with her husband who taught painting there. To fill her time, she went to a creative writing class. "I never wrote anything before except class assignments," said Sellers, "but when I started writing I just couldn't stop."

Two of the first poems she ever wrote were accepted and published by magazines. She was thrilled. "It was just like if you catch a fish now and again. You'll stay at the river all day," Sellers said.

She said people are her biggest inspiration when composing poetry. "I'm a terrible people watcher. Listening is also important. I just go around with my ears hanging open, but most poets are probably all invertebrate eavesdroppers."

Depending upon what day of the week it is, Sellers has her favorite poets from whom she draws inspiration. "On Monday it might be Whitman; Tuesday, Wordsworth; Wednesday, Wilbur; Thursday, Rich; Friday, Shakespeare; Saturday, Poe. I like many poets. I draw from many poets. I don't copy them—if I do, I give them credit. But classic poets are a part of my life, my

feelings, my make-up. Millions of sounds and echoes are stored in my head. I don't know where it comes from, but I know it comes from somewhere. Somewhere I learned from somebody, and what I learned stuck in a computer chip in the back of my brain and when I needed it, it's activated. I might have borrowed it from Keats, Shelley, Herrick or Whitman, but not consciously. Never consciously."

Often Sellers' characters are a combination of many women she has known. For example, in her poem, "Three Women Named Rebecca," they are in some way her grandmother, her mother and herself. "I have no feeling for abstraction. For characters to be real to me, they've got to live in a believable setting. Much of my poetry is inspired by true stories."

"During the writing process I am unaware of any obvious identities. People often misinterpret the anger or loneliness expressed in a poem as the voice of the poet, when in fact it may not be the poet speaking at all. Through the characters you

are able to transfer or transform other energies into creative energies," she said.

Sellers' writing energies go beyond the world of poetry. She is currently at work on a book of essays. She also has written book reviews and articles, along with the first eight chapters of her autobiography.

"If what I write gets published, that's fine," said Sellers, "but that is not what I envision during the writing process. The main purpose is to say what I have to say, and to say it in a way that's satisfying to me."

To date, Sellers has had seven books of poetry published: *Westward From Bald Mountain*, 1974; *Appalachian Carols*, 1976; *Spring Onions and Cornbread*, 1978; *Morning of the Red-Tailed Hawk*, 1981; *Liza's Monday and Other Poems*, 1986; *Satan's Playhouse* (Chapbook), 1986; and *Wild Ginger*, 1989. Sellers has received numerous awards and recognitions for her contributions to the genre of poetry.



Molly Huerta (l) and Julie Klein (r) discuss writing techniques with poet Bettie Sellers. (Photo by Anne Marie Forlini)



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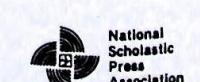
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Financial Aid applications must be submitted to ACT prior to April 20 in order to meet the Iowa Tuition Grant deadline. Forms are available in the financial aid office.

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The Clarke Student Minority Organization would like to send a special thank you to all individuals and offices that made African-American History Month a reality. We would like to send a special thank you to the academic departments that submitted names of African-Americans and their contribution(s).

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Bryan Brueck will present his senior voice recital Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Jansen Music Hall. A reception will follow in the Atrium.

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As part of Women's History Month, *She's Nobody's Baby*, will be shown Friday, March 30. Facilitators will be Janet Callewaert, Ph.D., chair of religious studies and S. Sara McAlpin, Ph.D., professor of English. This event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Alumnae Lecture Hall.

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The Oneota Chamber Players will present a varied program of quartet literature. This is part of The Arts at Clarke 1990 Spring Series. The presentation will be Thursday, April 5 at 8 p.m. in the Jansen Music Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

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A fine arts career quest will be held Tuesday, April 3 from 4-8 p.m. in the Locust Street Dining Room, Mary Josita Hall. Three sessions will address career opportunities by professional artists in art, music and drama.

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The annual Crop Walk will be Saturday, April 7, at 12:30 p.m. beginning at Loras College. The six mile walk will benefit local and world hunger. Pledge forms may be picked up in the Campus Ministry office at Clarke.

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The Student Conservation Association will be offering over 1,000 conservation and resource management volunteer positions. Positions include high school or college student or older adults during 1990. Opportunities are available throughout the year.

SCA is currently accepting applications for position to be offered during the 1990 summer and fall seasons. Applications should be received by March 1. Applications will be accepted until later dates. For more information contact Dean S. Klein at (603) 826-4301.

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KH&H Productions presents Bob Randall's romantic comedy, "6 Rms Riv U." The dinner theater will be presented at 7 p.m. March 23, 24, 30 and 31 and Sunday March 25 and April 1 at 6 p.m. in the Five Flags Bijou Room. Tickets are \$10.50.

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The Fifth Annual Sinipee Writers' Workshop will be held April 21 in Alumnae Lecture Hall at Clarke College from 8:30-5 p.m. The workshop costs \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door or \$30 for students. Tuition includes lunch and refreshments. For registration and information call 556-0366 or write to Sinipee Writers' Group, P.O. Box 902, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001.

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The Sinipee Writers' Group will sponsor the Fifth Annual Sinipee Writing Prize for fiction and poetry. Subject and style are open. Entries must be typed, double-spaced be an original unpublished piece. Include name, address and phone number is upper left hand corner. A \$5 reading fee must accompany each entry. Entries must be received by April 9. Send entries to: Sinipee Writers' Group, P.O. Box 902, Dubuque, Ia. 52001. For more information call 556-0366.

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Glacier Park Montana is looking to hire college students for summer jobs in all segments of hotel and hospitality areas. For details on jobs and salaries, call Glacier Park, Inc., at (602) 248-2612.

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The Iowa Management Association is sponsoring an internship program for students between their junior and senior years in Iowa colleges to provide meaningful summer employment in their chosen career field. Students must have completed three full years of college and meet a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a four-point system. For more information write to: Iowa Management Association, 4717 Woodland Ave. no. 1, West Des Moines, Ia. 50265 or call Bob Dick at 224-9780.

Second in a series

Bone cancer reviewed

by Christen Sadowski

With all of the research and medical reports exposing the prevention of cancer lately, people are diligently working to decrease their risk level.

Exercise, a low-cholesterol diet high in fiber and frequent medical check-ups have become the standard for men and women over the age of 40; but should it concern young adults from 17-35?

This is the second in a series of articles on the three leading forms of cancer in college-aged men and women and its diagnosis, treatment, prevention and emotional aspects.

Cancer of the bone or muscle tissue is perhaps the most feared by its patients. Statistics surrounding the disease are frightening. It is estimated that in 1990, 2,100 new cases will be reported in the U.S., of which, 1,200 will be male and 900 will be female. This cancer will be fatal for 1,100 of those patients.

Any malignant tumor affecting the skeletal system is considered bone cancer. It is the skeletal system that is a framework for the distribution of weight, fixation of muscle tissue and protection for vital organs. Since the system is closely related to blood vessels, cartilage and bone marrow, the cancerous cells may travel to these tissues as well.

When cells in the skeletal structure, normally, cells will wear out and new cells are produced. When disrupted, cell division causes an abnormal growth in which masses of tissue build up. These masses may be benign or malignant.

Benign tumors are removed surgically and seldom reappear. However, malignant tumors can destroy and travel to connective tissues and organs and travel throughout the body.

Cancers are divided into two classes, carcinomas and sarcomas. Carcinomas develop in the lining and covering tissues of organs, while sarcomas develop in the connective and supportive tissues of the body. Most bone cancers are classified as sarcomas.

Symptoms of bone cancer include, a pain or ache in the bone, especially at night; swelling; fever; and loss of balance. Usually when detected, bone cancer is in advanced stages which makes treatment different for each patient. Jeffery Stephenson, M.D., of the Wendt Regional Cancer Center in Finley Hospital stated that the size of the tumor can grow to the size of a lemon and grow quickly. "However, size doesn't predict severity," he said.

Bone cancer is diagnosed by X-rays of the affected bone and its surrounding tissues. A bone and tissue biopsy may be done to analyze the tumor and determine

if it spread to other regions.

There are many different kinds of sarcomas that effect different regions of the body. This also includes secondary bone cancers that spread to the bone from other tumors in the body. These cancers are more likely to occur in the bone itself. Breast, lung, thyroid and kidney cancers are most likely to spread to the skeletal structure, especially to the skull, spine, ribs, pelvis, shoulders and upper thighs. Treatment is thereby tailored to the predominant tissue affected.

Stephenson reports a 50 percent cure rate with bone cancer. Treatment varies from surgery to radiation therapy or chemotherapy. In some instances, more than one treatment process will be used as a preventative measure.

Surgery involves the removal of the affected area. In most instances, this means amputation of the limb three inches above the point from the cancerous cell before the disease can spread. However, Stephenson marveled about the surgical advancements which make it possible to reconstruct the bone area affected.

Once detected that the cancer has spread throughout the body, other methods of treatment are used. Radiation therapy and chemotherapy may be used in conjunction with surgery to dismiss the possibility of the spread of cancer cells to other regions of the body.

To come to terms with the detection and treatment of cancer, patients are urged to seek support. Feeling of despair, depression and responsibility are often reduced when a patient can share their experience and emotional reactions with other cancer patients. This gives them a sense of belonging and acceptance. Locally, the I Can Cope support group is filled with cancer patients that can talk openly about cancer.

Stephenson explained the study of oncology and its goal as, "improving the quality of life. The goal is not just to cure cancer or to prolong life, but to make life better."

Recently, the Wendt Regional Cancer Center was installed at Finley Hospital. This makes treatment in Dubuque readily available. Previously, many patients were sent to Iowa City and Madison for treatment. The traveling and time spent to reach these cities made it even harder for patients to cope. Today, the Wendt center is equipped to treat over 500 new patients every year.

For more information on bone cancer or other forms of cancer, call the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4CANCER or contact the Wendt Regional Cancer Center.

...D.C. trip

last year. He has nothing but respect for the people who live and work at CCNV. "The people there are astounding. I can't believe how positive they remain while faced with the problems they have." Ehlinger went on to say that the reason he's going again is because "I think people need to show their support consistently."

Once the group arrives they will be completely occupied from the time they rise to the time they go to sleep. Some of their activities will involve cleaning and cooking for the shelter, working at soup kitchens around the city, working for affiliated agencies and begging for food at local grocery marts and restaurants.

Even though there are 400 homeless people in Iowa City and approximately twice that number in Dubuque County, these students are going to D.C. to learn how to help combat this problem at a model shelter like CCNV.

If you would like to show your support, donations are being accepted, send to: Washington D.C. Trip, c/o Sarah Harvey, Treasurer, Box 718, Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa, 52001-0718. Money and food donations will be greatly appreciated.

Brain Burner

If each of the letters A, B, C and D represents a different digit, what is the minimum value of the whole number ABCD divided by A plus B plus C plus D?

Submit your name, phone number, work and answer to the puzzle and mail to the Math Club, Box 1125, by Friday, April 6.

Winners names will be placed in a drawing that will take place at the end of the year. The winner will receive a gift certificate from the bookstore.

The Math Club is sponsoring a contest for people interested in solving math and logic problems.

Baby-photo contest



A. Psychology



B. Math and Education

Last week's winner was Becky Evans. She will receive a gift certificate to the Union. The babies were Molly Menke and Katy O'Connor.

The Courier staff is sponsoring a Senior Baby Photo Contest. The weekly contest is open to everyone and involves identifying both Clarke seniors. Submit your answers to the Courier, PO Box 995. All correct answers submitted will be placed in a drawing, from which one winner will be selected. Answers must be submitted by the Tuesday following publication. The winner and prize for this week's contest will be announced in the next issue of the Courier.

100 persons

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Sports

Athletic programs gain support

by Wayne Glenn

Less than four years ago Clarke College was only a small college with a very small athletic program. The school was known just for its education and not at all for its athletics.

In 1986, Clarke's athletic department was only made up of four teams; men's and women's basketball, women's volleyball and men's soccer. The Clarke community seemed not to care about its athletic future. Most of the Crusaders' home games, or matches, had more athletes participating in the contest than fans in attendance. School spirit was slowly heading downhill.

But somehow, Clarke's attitude about athletics changed a full 180 degrees overnight.

The Clarke athletic department is now made up of four additional teams, which include skiing, cross country, golf and women's softball. This year Clarke will begin the process of establishing a men's baseball team.

It does not stop there; school spirit has climbed to the level it belongs. Fan support of the Crusaders has increased immeasurably. The Clarke community is once and for all proud of its school's academics and athletics.

"I'm glad that Clarke's athletic program has risen to its current level," said Adam Rapp, a member of Clarke's men's basketball team. "Athletics help keep the students and staff more involved with the school. It gives people a chance to participate in activities other than just the academic ones. It's an outlet that keeps the school spirit and morale high."

Many may assume that the only people happy about the rapid popularity of sports around Clarke are the athletes themselves. But, this assumption is not fact; the people that are benefitting the most are the fans of Clarke's athletics. Unlike in the

past, there are more fans than there are athletes.

"We are not seen as a college with a little sports program anymore," said Jerry Tomasic, member of Clarke's men's basketball team. "Our program now has the respect it deserves."

The new positive image and more fan support is heartening to athletes. "Yes it makes us feel good to know that we have people supporting us and that they appreciate the effort we put into our sports in order to represent Clarke College," said Ellen Fitzpatrick, a member of Clarke's women's softball team. "The fan support does make a difference and the athletes do appreciate it."

Too many times when a school's athletic program rises at the speed of Clarke's, there are concerns that the institution may turn into what is labeled as a "sports school." One that is full of brainless jocks with no interest in academics. Although athletics is growing quickly at Clarke, the students do not think it will get out of hand.

"Here at Clarke, we realize that athletics is only an extra-curricular activity. Academics is the main reason we are here," said Keith Sanders, former member of the men's basketball team. "But athletics can help everyone. Non-athletes and athletes become more rounded human beings, which is another reason we are here. So I do believe we should maintain the process of improving our athletic program."

"Oh, there is still room for improvement," said Tracy Virgil, Clarke student recruiter and former member of the men's basketball team. "But I am sure the athletics at Clarke will continue to grow every year. Clarke has the potential of having one of the best athletic programs around."

by Beth White

On Monday, June 4, the second annual Clarke College Celebrity Classic will be held at the Dubuque Golf and Country Club.

The list of celebrities include a number of star athletes who will be attending the event. At the top of the list is Chi Chi Rodriguez, the legendary golf star, who will be showing his athletic abilities by performing a trick golf shot exhibition at 10:30 a.m. He will also participate in the golf events held throughout the day and in the evening he will speak at a Youth Picnic Supper at 4:30 p.m. in the Clarke College Dining Room. Rodriguez was scheduled to attend the event last year but had to cancel at the last moment because of a back injury.

Joining Rodriguez at the event will be former Minnesota Vikings linebacker and Iowa State All-American Matt Blair; former

Minnesota Vikings free safety and University of Iowa All-American Conference star Paul Krause. Also in attendance will be New York Jets and University of Iowa star Mike Haight.

Rodriguez, who is originally from Puerto Rico, turned pro in 1960. He has competed in several tournaments across the United States. During 1989 he won the Classic Traveler of the Year award.

Krause holds the all-time NFL record for career pass interceptions with 81. He has led the Vikings in interceptions three times and holds the club record of 10 interceptions in a season, set in 1975.

Blair, president of Celebrity Promotions, Inc. has worked with several charitable organizations and keeps busy working with special events, booking celebrity and professional speakers for appearances and he plays an active role in sports-marketing events.

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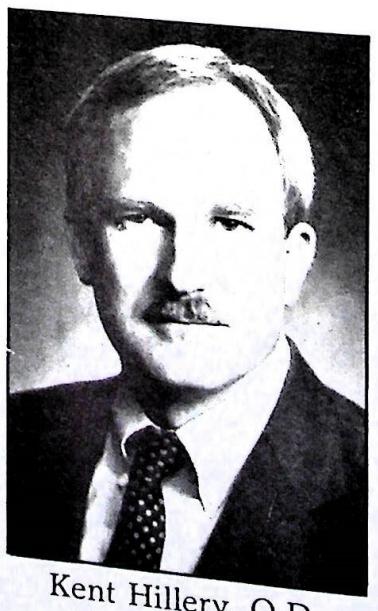
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